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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISAS FOR SEYMOUR TOPPINGS

REF: -JIDDA 6850

1. TOPPING INFORMS US THAT SAUDI ARABIAN CONSULATE GENERAL NY CALLED HIM NOV 20 TO SAY THAT VISA APPROVED. WHEN TOPPING ARRIVED AT CONSULATE, HE WAS HANDED HIS PASSPORT AND TOLD UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED PERMISSION TO ISSUE VISA. NO FURTHER INFORMATION GIVEN. ON NOV 21 TOPPING RECEIVED CABLE FROM DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION FAHD AL-SUDAIRY TELLING HIM TO PICK UP VISA AT SAUDI CONSULATE GENERAL AND CABLE FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIME OF ARRIVAL TO SUDAIRY. WHEN TOPPING WENT AGAIN TO CONSULATE GENERAL, HE TOLD THE MESSAGE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT WITHOUT CONFIRMATION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. THIS A PECULIAR AND EMBARRASSING WAY TO HANDLE SENIOR NYT OFFICIAL. -SUGGEST YOU IMMEDIATELY RELAY ABOVE INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIAL AND REQUEST THAT VISA AUTHORIZATION BE CABLED ASAP. TOPPING NOW PLANS ARRIVE  
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LONDON NOV. 25 P.M. AND STAY THERE 2-3 DAYS, THEN GO ON TO

CAIRO. TOPPING CAN BE REACHED IN LONDON CARE OF NYT  
BUREAU.

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO TOPPING THAT HE REPLY TO  
SUDAIRY REQUESTING HE PRESS FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR EARLY  
VISA ISSUANCE.

4. WHATEVER OUTCOME OF VISA QUESTION, TOPPING ASKED  
WE PASS HIS THANKS TO AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY FOR  
THEIR ASSISTANCE. INGERSOLL

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